

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

---

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING

COMMISSION,

Case No. 18-CV-00361 (JBW) (RLM)

Plaintiff,

**FEDERAL PRO SE LEGAL ASSISTANCE**

v.

PATRICK K. MCDONNELL,

and CABBAGETECH, CORP. d/b/a COIN

DROP MARKETS,

Defendants.

---

VIA ECF

The Honorable Jack B. Weinstein  
United States District Judge  
United States District Court for the  
Eastern District of New York  
225 Cadman Plaza East  
Brooklyn, New York 11201

Dear Judge Weinstein:

I am a Defendant in the above referenced matter writing concerning the flyer emailed to

me by Court recommendation *via* Plaintiff communications regarding the Federal Pro Se Legal Assistance Project. Defendant took the advice of the Court months ago and signed up as a client with the program director Cat Itaya and communicated with Dylan Lee the project coordinator for a month or so before withdrawing from the program in written form. Cat Itaya was very limited in the amount of help to be provided as written in the initial agreement signed to join the program as this case is complex needing more. Cat Itaya went as far as to summarize my case in a marketing package form to attract possible attention of Pro Bono assistance which was greatly appreciated by Defendant. *However*, unto Cat Itaya's power she could not screen inquiries only Defendant could. Defendant found that the two Pro Bono firms he interviewed with wanted more than round about information on the case prior signing any type of client/lawyer confidentiality agreement. The types of firms that replied were Skadden type with offices across the world. Defendant felt very uncomfortable with manner these firms wanted to acquire information prior confidentiality and decided for the sake of his defense these all seemed like fishing expeditions vs caring defender's. Plaintiff and Court [Judge Mann] specifically are and were aware of this for awhile now. Defendant is confused as to why Plaintiff did not advise Court of this at time of discussion as such.

Respectfully Submitted,

July 13, 2018

/s/ Patrick K. McDonnell

---

Patrick K. McDonnell "Pro Se"

20 Rawson Place, Staten Island, NY 10314

Telephone: (718) 524-6312 Email: [cdm@gmx.us](mailto:cdm@gmx.us)



